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**MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL STATE DIRECTORS; ME THROUGH NC**

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**SUBJECT: WEEKLY BLACK SEA BASS QUOTA REPORT (NO. 8)**

**1999 BLACK SEA BASS REPORT (POUNDS); QUARTER I**

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 27-Feb-99	Period Cumulative Total (to Date)	1999 Quarter I Quotas	% Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	123	0	523		
RI	60	2,866	43,096		
CT	0	523	5,377		
NY	-235	3,551	43,233		
NJ	12,747	9,210	115,207		
DE	0	0	23		
MD	0	0	2,550		
VA	0	4,799	118,827		
NC	4	77	48,070		
Total	12,699	21,026	376,906	1,168,860	32.2

**Notes:**

The Federal commercial trip limit for Winter I is currently 11,000 lbs.

Massachusetts has a 12" minimum fish size.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

An error was made in the recent permit holder letter describing the 1999 black sea bass quota. The following information is correct:

**1999 Black Sea Bass Quarterly Coastwide Commercial Quotas and Quarterly Trip Limits**

Quarter	Percent	Lb	(Kg) <sup>1</sup>	Trip Limits	
				Lb	(Kg) <sup>1</sup>
1 (Jan-Mar)	38.64	1,168,860	530,186	11,000	4,990
2 (Apr-Jun)	29.26	885,115	401,481	7,000	3,175
3 (Jul-Sep)	12.33	372,983	169,182	3,000	1,361
4 (Oct-Dec)	19.77	598,043	271,268	4,000	1,814
TOTAL	100.00	3,025,000	1,372,117		

<sup>1</sup> Kilograms are as converted from pounds and do not add to the converted total due to rounding.